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In re Application :

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Serial No: 09/856,850

Filed: September 19, 2001

For: THERMOSTABLE ENZYME
PROMOTING THE FIDELITY
OF THERMOSTABLE DNA
POLYMERASES - FOR
IMPROVEMENT OF NUCLEIC
ACID SYNTHESIS AND
AMPLIFICATION IN VITRO

Confirmation No.: 4731

Group Art Unit: 1637

Examiner: Young J. Kim

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 14, 2003, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group II (Claims 5-7).

Applicants reserve the right to pursue non-elected subject matter in one or more later filed divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part applications.

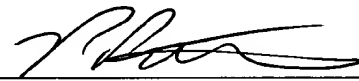
Applicants believe that the claims of the instant application meet all of the conditions for patentability and are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

Submitted herewith is a Petition to Extend Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extending the period for response by one (1) month to and including June 14, 2003, with the appropriate fee.

No fee is believed to be due with this response. However, if it is determined that fees are due, please charge them to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 1803-279-999). A copy of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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